OPEN MEETING NOTICE

Mobility Advisory Committee
Sara Davis, Co-chair and Jake Jacobs, Co-chair

There will be a meeting of the Mobility Advisory Committee, Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 9:30AM in the Broadway Room of the Mid-America Regional Council Offices, 600 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64105

AGENDA (Total Time: 90 minutes)

Procedural Business
1. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (2 minutes)

Main Business
3. Connected KC 2050 plan update (10 minutes) (Laura Machala, MARC)
   a. Environmental Justice analysis highlights
   b. Public review and comment period

4. 2020 FTA Section 5310 Call (30 minutes) (Laura Machala, MARC and Lisa Womack, KCATA)
   a. Amount of funds to be programmed
   b. KCATA holding on to operations funding
   c. Call schedule
   d. Eligibility and basic requirements

5. KCATA items (20 minutes) (Lisa Womack, KCATA)
   a. Paratransit eligibility changes
   b. RideKC Next (System Redesign) public engagement

6. Link for Care update (10 minutes) (Link for Care team)
   a. Content gathered
   b. New website launch

Additional Business
7. Member updates (10 minutes)

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MEETING SUMMARY

Mobility Advisory Committee

Sara Davis, co-chair
Jake Jacobs, co-chair

December 11, 2019

Meeting Summary

Procedural Business

1. Welcome and Introductions
   a. Sara Davis and Jake Jacobs began the meeting with a round of introductions.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
   a. Meeting minutes from the July 10, 2019 meeting were approved (Note: the October 9, 2019 meeting was cancelled).

Main Business

3. Link for Care update (20 minutes) (Jim Courtney and Linda Redford, Link for Care website team)
   a. Website update

   Linda Redford handed out a detailed data list at the last meeting and got good feedback on the data the Link for Care team would be asking from providers. She handed out a list of providers and a contact sheet for meeting attendees to fill in. She also asked if anyone knew anything about what happened to Checker Cab and City Cab—their websites were not working. A meeting member suggested contacting them by phone.

   Will Lindstrom provided a website show and tell. The beta website url is: Linkforcarebeta.org. RideKC services are now listed. Car/van transportation is now listed. People were interested in not just searching by an individual provider but also a global search by specific need. He asked for feedback on what are the big categories that people would search under. There was talk about the need that some people have for a companion to either take them (thru-door service) to appointments, or sometimes, stay with them throughout and then take them home. Others brought up perhaps listing driver type (staff v. volunteer). Rachel Ohlhausen (Jet Express) mentioned that they have over 80 volunteers and that volunteers are not required to pick up rides. Mr. Lindstrom said a note could be added to the Jet Express listing to indicate this.

   Ms. Redford also mentioned that when you fill out the information for LFC, there will be questions about vehicle types/capacity, this info will not be for the general public, but for emergency managers.

   b. Next steps
Mr. Lindstrom reported that the beta site will transition to the finalized website during the first quarter of 2020!

4. **System Redesign Update (20 mins)** (Lisa Womack, KCATA)
   c. **Overview**

   Lisa Womack reported that KCATA is in the middle of a project to redesign service in KCMO. 2019 was spent getting stakeholder and public comment. A survey was done. Jim Courtney asked how the Redesign will impact the current website (Answer: it will not).

   The topic of zero fare transit in Kansas City, Mo. came up. Ms. Womack explained that Prospect Max service kicked off yesterday and will be zero fare for the first 90 days. She also explained how City Council has six months to find money for zero fare and that there is a team of staff working on thinking through how it would impact riders. Most routes have plenty of capacity. It could impact paratransit, but it is uncertain what the impacts are.

d. **Next steps/timeline**

   KCATA is currently in the plan development phase and in January 2020 there will be a draft plan for internal review. Then there will be stakeholder and public input in February. The final plan would come out in April. With implementation in July. They are trying to be creative regarding ways to gather input (like online and pop-up meetings).

5. **MARC Updates (25 minutes)** (Laura Machala, MARC)
   e. **Long-range transportation plan**

   Laura Machala provided a refresher on the Connected KC 2050 plan. She discussed the plan outcomes (goals) as well as the trend and focused land use scenarios that were conducted to inform plan development. The conclusion is that a focused growth scenario is the best way to accommodate our needs and our vision for the region’s transportation systems. Ms. Machala also provided a summary of the project prioritization approach. Projects were grouped by funding stream, ranked by application and committee scores, and projects were prioritized for the constrained project list based on projected available funding. The plan is still on track to be adopted in June 2020

   Ms. Machala also talked about updating the Coordinated Human Services Transportation plan in conjunction with the long-range plan and promised to update the committee when that work is underway. Since a full update was just completed in 2018, this would be a “data update” to synch up the Coordinated Plan with the long-range plan.

   f. **Household Travel Survey**

   Ms. Machala provided some highlights from the soon-to-be released Household Travel Survey, that was recently completed. The aim was to survey 0.5% of the population (about 4,000 households). Target areas for “oversampling” were hard-to-reach populations such as large, low-income, and zero vehicle households. Transit users were also targeted. Disability status—do you have a condition or handicap that makes it difficult to travel outside of the home? —was
also asked. Ninety-three (93) percent responded that they have no disability, 5 percent said they had a disability that limits daily travel, and 2 percent said that while they have a disability, it does not limit daily travel. Ms. Machala reported that these results might skew a little low—national data shows that about 6.8% of people have an ambulatory disability.

8. **Software discussion (10 minutes)** (Sara Davis, OATS)

Sara Davis kicked the discussion off by talking about the new system that OATS uses. Ecolane is the software. Ms. Womack indicated that she would like to visit OATS and learn more about this software. Johnson County Mental Health uses LimoWiz in coordination with T-Mobile. It tracks minutes in use as well as idling and is all paperless. It has about 17 different metrics it tracks monthly. For example, it can tell you if the driver is on-time, but passenger was late. It can also provide a breakdown by type of ride. JET Express uses Ride Scheduler. It was developed out of San Diego and enables volunteers to know about rides and to schedule rides.

Ms. Davis asked about how JET gets volunteer drivers. Ms. Ohlhausen said that as you get out of the urban core, there are fewer volunteers. So, they do recruitment for volunteers. They still do background checks, etc. They ask them to do a ride a month. JET also coordinates with Lyft. Northland Shepard Center does volunteer drivers too.

6. **2018 FTA Section 5310 Update (1 minute)** (Laura Machala, MARC)

Ms. Machala stated that KCATA and MARC had not yet finalized when the Call for Projects would take place, but that it would be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

**Additional Business**
7. **Member updates (5 minutes)**

JET Express wants to help with volunteer recruitment in areas without many volunteers. OATS West was awarded funding by MODOT and FTA for a new facility. This is very exciting! OATS would like it to be in the Lee’s Summit area. Clay Berry from Alphapointe mentioned that they are looking at GPS tracking for vehicles.
**ATTENDANCE**

December 11, 2019

**Chairs:**
Sara Davis, OATS  
Jake Jacobs, EITAS

**Other Attendees:**

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